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A.—Mr. Cunningham's proposals are under the consideration of the Government. They are not prepared to disclose the details at this stage.

Transfer to the mufassal of Sub-Inspectors of the City Police.

*760-G *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police has recommended the transfer to the mufassal of several Sub-Inspectors of the City Police;

(*b*) whether they have been recruited under the City Police Act for service in the City;

(*c*) whether they are on a different scale of pay as compared with that of the mufassal Sub-Inspectors;

(*d*) whether any of these Sub-Inspectors have been recommended for transfer as a punishment on any specific charge; and

(*e*) if not, how the Government justify under the Fundamental Rules the reduction in their pay?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have no information; they have called for it.

(*c*) The pay of each grade of City Sub-Inspector of Police has been fixed at Rs. 25 more than that of the corresponding grade of mufassal Sub-Inspector.

(*e*) The answer to this clause depends on the information called for in respect of clause (*d*).

Selection of Sub-Inspectors of Police by the Commissioner.

*760-H *Q.*—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that out of 21 candidates recently selected by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, for the posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police, nine non-Brahmans, six Brahmans, two Christians, three members of depressed class and one Muslim have been taken;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that to give its due share to every community, the Government have directed in their G.O. Mis. No. 747, dated 3rd September 1928, that future recruitment in the services shall be made in the following proportion and order (i.e.), out of every twelve posts, five non-Brahmans (Hindus), two Brahmans, two Muhammadans, two Anglo-Indians and Christians including Europeans and one from the others (including depressed class);

(*c*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, why only one Muslim was selected for the Sub-Inspector's post by the Commissioner of Police; and

(*d*) whether, in view of this apparent injustice done to the Muslims, the Government propose to hold an enquiry into the matter and redress the grievances?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware whether or no these figures are correct. If the hon. Member desires it the information he gives in his question will be verified.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) G.O. No. 747, Public, dated 3rd September 1928, does not refer to recruitment for the Madras Police Service. The rules for that service have not yet been issued.

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Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" In the answer it is stated that the 'Government are not aware whether or no these figures are correct'. Will they care to ascertain whether these figures are correct now at least ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I shall enquire."

Revision of the pay of police constables in the City.

*761-A Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that most of the sergeants are not literate and cannot even properly write and read English ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that in cities like Colombo, Shanghai, Hongkong and Bombay with a large European population, Indian ex-Military officers are appointed as sergeants on a lesser pay than here, without prejudice to efficiency or success ;

(*c*) if so, why the same system is not followed in Madras ;

(*d*) whether Mr. Cunningham's contemplated scheme of the revision of pay of the European subordinates alone has created considerable discontent amongst Indian constabulary and other subordinate officers ;

(*e*) whether the constables have been agitating for more pay during the last many years and especially in 1927 and whether they threatened even to strike ; and

(*f*) whether since these reorganization proposals were published in a local paper a persistent and anonymous propaganda by letters and posters and post cards has been carried on by the constabulary not to receive their pay and finally to strike till the question of their pay is considered before the question of the sergeants' pay is decided ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information regarding Shanghai, Colombo or Hongkong. In Bombay there is a force of 60 Sergeants employed on duties similar to those of the Sergeants in Madras.

(*d*) The hon. Member is in error in suggesting that the European subordinates alone would benefit under the Commissioner's proposals. The Government are not aware of any discontent amongst the constabulary or other police subordinates in the City.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) There have been some attempts to undermine the loyalty of the force but there is no information that these letters, etc., emanated from members of the force.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of this question, may I know whether the Indian subordinates are likely to benefit by these proposals and if so to what extent ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am unable to disclose at this stage what the proposals are, since they are under the consideration of Government."